

Leftover bomb kills 28 in Egypt

CAIRO, June 29 (R). — An abandoned mortar shell exploded and killed 28 military students yesterday at Damietta, 190 kms. northeast of Cairo, the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) said late last night. Four students were injured in the explosion which occurred when the students were about to leave an area which was a military operations headquarters during the 1973 Arab-Israeli war. The students had just completed a shooting training session and were about to board transport back to their military school when one of them found the shell and picked it up, MENA said. Twenty-four students were killed instantly and eight others were wounded. But four of them died soon afterwards in hospital.

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No president yet in Italy

ROME, June 29 (R). — Italy's first attempt to elect a head of state to succeed former President Giovanni Leone failed here tonight with no candidate winning the necessary two-thirds majority. But the seeds of a compromise emerged when the ruling Christian Democrats agreed to consider a list of non-Christian Democratic candidates for the largely ceremonial post. In the first round of voting, by an assembly of "grand electors" from the two houses of parliament and Italy's regions, the Christian Democrats gave their candidate, 73-year-old Sen. Guido Gonella, 332 votes. Communist candidate Giorgio Amendola, a 71-year-old moderate leader and well-known author, won 338 votes.

Lebanon at crossroads, says minister after cabinet meet

BEIRUT, June 29 (Agencies). — The Lebanese government discussed the killing of at least 22 people in eastern Lebanon at an emergency meeting today and Interior Minister Salah Salameh said later the country had reached a crossroads.

"It is no longer a secret that we have reached a crossroads and all of us should shoulder our responsibilities," he told the reporters after the meeting which was summoned by the President Elias Sarkis.

The Syrian-dominated Arab League peace-force said yesterday gunmen stormed into villages near the ancient city of Baalbek, abducted an undisclosed number of villagers at gunpoint and shot 22 of them in a nearby forest. Unofficial sources put the death toll at 35.

Rightwing sources linked the killings with the June 13 raid on the northern Lebanese village of Ihdun in which 33 people were killed, including the son of former President Suleiman Franjeh, his wife and baby daughter.

Mr. Franjeh's supporters blamed the rightwing Phalangist Party and vowed revenge. The sources said that those killed near Baalbek were rightists and included some Phalangists. Mr. Franjeh and his allies in the "Lebanese Front" of rightwing organisations have been at odds over policy on Syria -- with

Two Eritrean groups call for negotiations with Ethiopian rulers

BEIRUT, June 29 (R). — The two biggest Eritrean guerrilla organisations called today for direct negotiations with Ethiopia's leftwing military rulers to end 17 years of bitter war for the independence of the strategic Red Sea Province of Eritrea.

The call could have profound influence on developments in the volatile Horn of Africa and the Red Sea -- an arena of growing superpower rivalry.

The call was issued at a joint press conference here by Ahmad Nasser, head of the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC), and Ramadan Mohammad Nour, Secretary General of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF).

It came a week after Mr. Nasser's return from a secret day visit to Moscow amid signs of increased Soviet pressure for a negotiated end to the war in Eritrea, a strategic area with a 1,000 kms. coastline on the Red Sea.

The ELF-RC and the more dogmatically leftist EPLF had agreed on June 21 to seek peace talks, the press conference was told. Continued fighting was neither in the interests of the Ethiopian nor the Eritrean people, they said.

World News Roundup...

Church wedding for Princess Caroline

MONTE CARLO, June 29 (R). — Princess Caroline of Monaco and French financier Philippe Junot were today pronounced man and wife at a brief religious ceremony in the privacy of the royal palace. After the nuptial mass, which followed yesterday's civil ceremony, the bride and groom walked through the narrow streets of old Monte Carlo to the applause of thousands of people. Princess Caroline, 21, wore a white gorging dress and veil by Marc Bohan of the Dior fashion house, while Mr. Junot, 38, was dressed in tails and a grey top hat. Before leaving on their honeymoon, the couple planned to attend a lunch in the palace grounds for friends of the family like movie stars Ava Gardner and Gregory Peck and 43 Monegasques who were born in 1957, the same year as Princess Caroline. Best kept of all the secrets surrounding the wedding was where the couple would spend their honeymoon. Most bets were on a Mediterranean cruise on the luxurious yacht given them as a wedding present by her parents.

Vietnam denies attacking Cambodia

SINGAPORE, June 29 (R). — Vietnam today denied reports by diplomatic sources that its troops had attacked deep into Cambodian territory. The official Radio Hanoi, monitored here, said reports that 70,000 to 80,000 Vietnamese troops had penetrated 50 to 60 kms. inside Cambodian territory were "fabricated and completely false." Cambodia has so far remained silent on the reported fighting during the last week but diplomats in Bangkok said today there was no evidence of any major invasion.

Somalia warns of planned Ethiopian attack

NAIROBI, June 29 (R). — Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre has charged that Ethiopian and Cuban troops were being placed along Ethiopia's border with Somalia in preparation for an invasion, Mogadishu Radio reported today. Gen. Siad Barre, now on a tour of the Gulf, sent a protest cable to President Bongo of Gabon, Chairman of the Organisation of African Unity, alleging that there had been Ethiopian airstrikes on northern Somali villages last week which killed 13 people and wounded 52.

Archbishop Lefebvre defies Pope again

ECONE, Switzerland, June 29 (R). — Rebel Roman Catholic Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre today defied the Vatican again by ordaining 18 priests at his Traditionalist seminary in this southern Swiss village. The former archbishop of Dakar, who was stripped of all priestly functions by the Pope two years ago, told a crowd of about 4,000 Traditionalists that "the Devil's hand in Rome" was responsible for the church's liberal reforms. In his sermon, delivered on a grassy hillside near the seminary, he pledged to continue to resist such reforms.

Qadhafi in Warsaw for talks

WARSAW, June 29 (R). — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi arrived today for an official visit and talks with Polish Communist Party First Secretary Edward Gierek. Poland expects the talks would bring an increase in economic and political cooperation with the Libyan Jamahiriya, Warsaw newspapers said today.



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Viceroy, talks with Sudanese Minister for Presidential Affairs Bah'eddine Mohammad Idriss in Amman on Thursday. (JNA photo)

Viceroy receives Nimeiri's message on Arab solidarity

AMMAN, June 29 (JNA). — Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri, who is Chairman of the Arab League Solidarity Committee, has sent a message to His Majesty King Hussein briefing him on the progress of his mission which is aimed at bringing about solidarity among Arab states.

The message was delivered to His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Viceroy, at the Royal Court today by Sudanese Minister for Presidential Affairs Bah'eddine Mohammad Idriss who arrived in Amman today in the course of a tour of several Arab states.

The Crown Prince and Mr. Idriss exchanged a general review of Arab affairs and of Jordanian-Sudanese relations. The meeting was attended by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hassan Ibrahim, and the Sudanese ambassador to Jordan.

South Yemen's foreign policy will not change, says minister

ADEN, June 29 (R). — South Yemen declared today it wanted peace with its neighbours and peaceful co-existence with all nations.

The declaration was made by Foreign Minister Mohammad Saleh Mutea three days after the country's Marxist rulers overthrew President Salem Robaye' Ali and consolidated their power.

Mr. Mutea, in a statement, said the country's foreign policy was unchanged and based on the principles of solidarity among peoples and peaceful co-existence with all nations whatever their social systems.

He said South Yemen would "seek the friendship and co-operation of all nations and wished to establish relations based on equality with any state as long as such a state will respect our sovereignty."

Referring to Monday's clashes which ended with the overthrow and later execution of the president, Mr. Mutea said the events were a strictly internal affair of concern only to the people of South Yemen.

Mr. Mutea said South Yemen was "ready to start a political and diplomatic dialogue with any country and to receive any delegation that wished to have discussions with us on the basis of peaceful co-existence, honest cooperation and respect for national sovereignty."

An envoy of President Carter was originally due to have talks with President Robaye' Ali on ways of improving relations between South Yemen and the U.S. The envoy went instead north to the Arab Republic of Yemen as fighting broke out in the south.

Mr. Mutea also spoke of relations with the neighbouring Yemeni Arab Republic whose President, Ahmad Hussein Al Ghashmi, was killed last Saturday by a parcel bomb.

He said South Yemen had made every effort to develop its ties with the north and had officially denounced President Al Ghashmi's assassination.

"But we must take this opportunity to stress once more that we will not allow anyone to interfere in our internal affairs and to try to interpret our foreign policy in a way which only serves interests opposed to the hopes and aspirations of our people."

Eight Arab states will attend meet on N. Yemen

CAIRO, June 29 (R). — Eight Arab countries have informed the Arab League their foreign ministers would attend an emergency meeting on Saturday requested by the Yemen Arab Republic to discuss the assassination of its president, Ahmad Hussein Al Ghashmi, League officials said today.

Yemen called for the League Council meeting following last Saturday's assassination which it has blamed on neighbouring South Yemen.

The officials said that apart from Yemen, the countries which have said they would come to the summit were the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Somalia, Jordan, Sudan and Egypt.

Vietnam is Comecon's 10th member

BUCHAREST, June 29 (R). — The Soviet-oriented Comecon economic grouping today admitted Vietnam as its tenth full member.

The Vietnamese application, presented to a three-day session of Comecon's policy-setting council by Hanoi's Deputy Premier Le Thanh Nghi, was approved unanimously by the other nine members of the organisation.

Diplomatic analysts saw it as marking a radical swing by Vietnam into the Soviet orbit after many years during which the war-torn Southeast Asian state maintained a neutral stance between Moscow and Peking.

Soviet recognition of this development was suggested in a speech by Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin at the close of the session, which also adopted several long-term development programmes for the Comecon's energy, fuel and food industries.

Mongolia and Cuba are the only other non-European members of the 29-year-old organisation.

East European sources said there was a possibility that other countries which enjoy the observer status held until now by Vietnam might also apply for entry at next year's council meeting in Moscow.

Among possible candidates were Laos, Angola and Ethiopia, the sources said.

Ethiopia, whose military rulers have proclaimed it a socialist state, was represented this week for the first time at a Comecon meeting.

W. Jerusalem's blast kills 2, hurts 47; PLO claims responsibility

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 29 (Agencies). — A bomb hidden in a pile of tomatoes rocked west Jerusalem's crowded central market today, killing two people and injuring 47, police said. Many victims were flung into the air by the explosion, for which Palestinian commandos claimed responsibility.

The blast sent screaming, panic-stricken shoppers, most of them women, fleeing for safety amid a rain of shattered glass and other debris hurled across the market.

Israeli Premier Menachem Begin was conferring with visiting West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher when the explosion went off, bringing security forces and ambulances racing to the scene.

"This is the sort of thing we can expect to occur regularly if a Palestinian state is established," Mr. Begin told his guest, apparently because West Germany had expressed support for the idea of a Palestinian state.

The blast was heard across Jerusalem and seven of the injured were reported in serious condition.

In Beirut, the Palestine news agency Wafa said the bomb operation was carried out by a commando unit named for Ali Nasser Yasin, a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation shot dead in Kuwait on June 15.

Israel's Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek condemned the attack as "another attempt to condemn the good relations between Jewish and Arab residents of the city."

Mr. Shimon Elimelech, owner of the vegetable stall in the Mahane Yehuda market where the blast went off, escaped unscathed though he was only one metre from the blast and was covered with the remnants of smashed tomatoes.

"People started carrying me off to hospital, mistakenly thinking the tomato juice was blood," the merchant said later.

Earlier bombs

The latest major bomb blast follows one which occurred three weeks ago when six people were killed on a crowded bus.

The city has been the scene of a number of explosions in recent months.

When Mr. Genscher was told of the latest explosion, he expressed shock and asked that his country's condolences should be conveyed to the families of the victims.

The Jerusalem market where the blast occurred is one of the most sensitive parts of the city and a number of bombs have been found and defused there.

But several years ago, a car bomb exploded near the market and killed ten people.

The blast wrecked shops and stalls, just as shoppers were making purchases prior to tomorrow's Jewish Sabbath.

Mr. Genscher arrived in Jerusalem yesterday and tomorrow, U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale arrives in Israel on a three-day visit.

Palestinian statement

Wafa's statement said the attack "emphasised the PLO's determination to escalate the armed struggle against our Zionist enemy from within." It said the squad that planted the charge "returned safely to its base inside occupied territory despite the enemy's security dragnets."

The Palestinian statement from Beirut said the explosion killed more than eight Israelis and injured 35 others.

The statement said the time bomb went off on schedule at the Mahane Yehuda market completely destroying three stalls and putting a number of parked vehicles out of order.

Wafa, quoting an official military spokesman for the PLO, said Israeli authorities declared a state of emergency in the area following the blast and arrested up to 170 Arab citizens of the city.

Mondale's visit today still perturbs Israelis

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 29 (R). — Israeli leaders, apprehensive about looming American pressure, looked with some trepidation today at the coming visit of U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale.

The now-settled wrangle over Mr. Mondale's Jerusalem itinerary was regarded by some diplomats as a further sign of Israeli agitation at what is perceived here as a pro-Arab tilt in U.S. Middle East policy.

The three-day visit, starting tomorrow, was originally intended as a purely ceremonial affair marking the 30th anniversary of Israel's creation.

U.S. officials said Mr. Mondale's main purpose was still to assure Israel of continuing American friendship and support.

But because of new Middle East peace moves in the offing the visit has taken on a rather more substantive purpose, U.S. sources said.

To some Israeli officials, this implied that Mr. Mondale's mission would be a softening up process to precede more forthright Israel-U.S. encounters in coming weeks and months.

In between ceremonial engagements Mr. Mondale is expected to have private talks with Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, Deputy Premier Yigal Yadin and Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich.

The White House has emphasised that Mr. Mondale will not himself be taking part in any negotiations.

But the strength of his official party -- it includes the State department's Middle East expert Harold Saunders -- led Israelis to believe that some expression of White House views would be conveyed.

And in recent months White House views and actions have not been well received in Israel.

Officials here cite the sale of advanced military aircraft to Arab countries, the chilly American reception of Israel's intentions towards occupied Arab land and the cordial U.S. response to Egypt as evidence of an anti-Israeli shift in Washington policy.

Mr. Mondale ended a touchy diplomatic exchange over his itinerary when he said in Washington yesterday he would make a private visit to Jerusalem's Wailing Wall, the holy shrine of the Jewish religion.

Government sources in Jerusalem had said earlier Israel was insisting it should be an official visit. But U.S. officials opposed this because it could be construed as U.S. recognition of Israeli sovereignty claims over Arab East Jerusalem, captured in the 1967 war.

Al Khatib protests Mondale's visit

AMMAN, June 29 (JNA). — The mayor of the Arab city of Jerusalem today sent a cable to the American ambassador here protesting against tomorrow's visit to the Arab sector of Jerusalem and the Wailing Wall by the United States Vice President Walter Mondale.

The mayor, Mr. Rawhi Al Khatib, who was deported by the Israelis to Jordan, said the visit would imply recognition by the United States government of Israeli Mayor Teddy Koleh, who is to accompany Mr. Mondale on the visit, as mayor of Arab Jerusalem in violation of United Nations resolutions. The planned visit would offend the feelings of Arab citizens under occupation, would encourage Israel to annex Jerusalem and would contradict repeated U.S. calls for freedom and peace, the cable said.

Atherton says U.S. won't talk to PLO

WASHINGTON, June 29 (Agencies). — The Carter administration's top representative in the Middle East peace negotiations, Alfred Atherton, repeated the United States refusal to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, but added new detail on its view of the PLO, during Senate hearings yesterday.

Calling the American position "unequivocal" and unchanged, Mr. Atherton told Sen. Richard Stone (Democrat, Florida): "We will not recognise or deal with the PLO until it accepts U.N. resolution 242 and the right of all governments in the area to live in peace."

Asked if the United States viewed the PLO as a "terrorist" organisation, Mr. Atherton said the U.S. "has never had occasion to characterize the PLO as terrorist or non-terrorist."

Yesterday's Senate hearings came in the wake of the Israeli Committee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs asked Mr. Atherton yesterday why the Arab side had not been similarly questioned about peace.

Sen. Clifford Case said: "It seems improper, if we are going to ask Israel for its ultimate position on Gaza and the West Bank, not to ask anybody on the other side to state its position on the ultimate question, peace with Israel."

Mr. Atherton responded: "We've always said that Israel's existence and strength is one of the fundamental American interests in the area."

American involvement in the peace-making process was not something that was being pressed on unwilling partners, he said.

"We have been asked many times to help them in their dialogue. After so many years of no dialogue they find it difficult to talk to each other."

It was a misperception to say that the United States was pressing only the Israelis, he said.

"We took the attitude last year that the first necessary step would have to be acceptance by the Arabs of peace," he said. "We pressed all of them."

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's trip to Jerusalem last week, had dramatised the position, Mr. Atherton said. Other Arab leaders had indicated their support privately.

Mr. Atherton said that there had been no reply so far from Mr. Sadat to U.S. questions about Middle East peace.

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Adding sparkle to the Holy City

The compromise that has been worked out over the visit by U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale to occupied Arab Jerusalem next week is not as emphatic as we would have liked, but it is nevertheless a worthy gesture on the part of the United States. The fact that Mr. Mondale will go to Arab Jerusalem as a private citizen is a solid if symbolic move on his part and his government's, and is in keeping with previous American actions in this sensitive matter. But the whole issue lacks a certain amount of sparkle, and is certainly unworthy of the historical and emotional enormity of the Holy City itself.

It seems incongruous, to us at least, for Mr. Mondale to go to Arab Jerusalem as a private citizen but also to invite Mr. Kollek, the Israeli Mayor of West Jerusalem, to accompany him. Will Mr. Kollek go as a private citizen also? Will Mr. Mondale's private citizen status radiate so much force that it will turn everyone else within a ten-metre radius of him into a similarly non-political private citizen?

These matters are unresolved and important ones. It would be preferable for Mr. Mondale to go to Arab Jerusalem by himself, without Mr. Kollek, and it would also be particularly appropriate for Mr. Mondale to use his visit to the Holy City as a symbol of the Americans' desire to be impartial mediators in the Middle East. He could, for example, have an emphatically private cup of coffee with two or three Palestinians who are members of the city council of Arab Jerusalem, which has been inactive since the Israeli occupation. Or Mrs. Mondale could have a very private pot of tea with, say, the ladies who run some of the Arab charitable organisations in the West Bank. That would provide the sparkle that is now lacking.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I says U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has affirmed that a meeting would be held in London shortly between the Egyptian and Israeli foreign ministers in his presence. At the meeting the Egyptian and Israeli proposals and a "declaration of principles" that is being prepared by the U.S. will be discussed, the paper adds.

The newspaper says that despite the obvious contradictions between the Arab and Israeli stands on the requirements for peace, President Jimmy Carter's insistence on committing his country to the pursuit of a comprehensive settlement -- at a time when Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan is talking about Israel's readiness to sign a unilateral agreement with Egypt at any place and time -- indicates that America has in its pocket a certain surprise that might lead to breaking the present deadlock and to the resumption of the stalled Egyptian-Israeli negotiations.

Al Ra'i says that observers think that the U.S. would rule out exercising any effective pressure on Israel at this stage. Instead, it would launch what it imagines to be a compromise between the Egyptian and Israeli plans.

AL DUSTOUR on the other hand says Israel wants to undermine President Carter's reputation, his country's high position and its peace efforts in the Middle East by forcing Washington to instruct Vice President Walter Mondale to make an official visit to occupied Jerusalem and from there to go to the Wailing Wall in a car hoisting the American flag.

Israel, the newspaper adds, wants to make of the vice president's visit to Israel tomorrow "an American demonstration that underwrites Israel's occupation of Arab Jerusalem" and to compel the United States to forsake its commitment to the U.N. resolutions and to the policy it had adhered to since 1967 when it rejected Israel's annexation of occupied Jerusalem.

Al Dustour warns the U.S. administration of the Israeli snare and of the bomb which Israel has prepared to destroy America's reputations and peace efforts in the area.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

The Jordan Times has started publishing a weekly rundown of events and activities taking place in Jordan. The section is called **Jordan Weekly Calendar** and will appear each Friday for a look at the week ahead.

We invite all clubs, societies, cultural centres and schools to inform us of their activities, exhibitions, meetings and outings that are open to the public. Help us help you to publicise your public events: charity bazaars, school open days, concerts, art, photo or commercial exhibitions, theatrical performances, films, lectures and sporting events.

Be sure to inform us of your activities in plenty of time for these items to be published in the weekly listing.

The Jordan Times will also continue to publish daily notices of events under the **WHAT'S GOING ON** section each day as well as the weekly listing. Please write to us at P.O. Box 6710, telephone 67171 or call in at our offices on the Amman-Sweileh road.

Prince Hassan receives visiting Chinese deputy foreign minister

AMMAN, June 29 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Viceroy received Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Ho Ying at the Royal Hashemite Court today.

During the meeting means of promoting bilateral relations between the two countries were discussed along with such subjects as the Israeli occupation of Arab territories and the Palestinian issue.

Mr. Ho extended an invitation from Chairman Hua Kuofeng and the Chinese leaders to the Crown Prince to visit China so as to strengthen the friendly relations existing between the two countries. Yesterday, invitations were extended to both His Majesty King Hussein and Premier Mudar Badran.

The Chinese minister praised the positive role played by Jordan under King Hussein's leadership at Arab and international levels and for the achievements accomplished by Jordan in all fields.

Mr. Ho further stressed his country's support of Jordan's firm stand towards the Israeli aggression and towards challenges facing the Middle East at present.

The meeting was attended by the minister of state for foreign affairs and the Chinese ambassador in Amman.



Visiting Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Ho Ying chats with Crown Prince Hassan at the Crown Prince's office Thursday. (JNA photo)

Semi-arid farming project in northern Jordan couples self-help with Roman irrigation method

Lee S. Tesdell

Special to the Jordan Times
 Nearby in the shadow of Jabal Druz in northern Jordan local farmers are being assisted in the construction of earth dams and pools so that winter rains can be trapped, also known as runoff farming, has proven successful in the area east of Mafraq and was practised by the Roman and Byzantine farmers between 300-630 A.D. in the same area.

The Jordan Times spent a day recently watching the work progress. After 8 days of work, 5 earth structures had been completed in the Tall Al-Rimah area.

Farmers sign an agreement with the mutassarif of Mafraq and the Mennonite Central Committee (M.C.C.) for work to be done on their land. The agriculturalists with the M.C.C. provide the technical advice and supervision for the projects, and subsidise up to 25 hours of bulldozer work on a farmers land. The M.C.C. aims at alleviating the three main obstacles to the implementation of water conservation schemes by farmers with the programme: firstly, the high cost of construction, secondly, difficulty in getting a bulldozer to work in the area, and thirdly, lack of knowledge of proper construction techniques.

This summer's project, we were told by M.C.C.'s Jordan director Dave Osborne, involves 1,000 hours of bulldozer work in two months, in an area bounded on the north by the Syrian border, on the east by Deir Al Kinn, on the south by Miniyah and the west by Khassa Sleitin. The population of the area is about 7,000 people in 15 villages. The people are Sedentary beduin who have been in the area for about 20 years.

During the summer of 1977, M.C.C. arranged for 500 hours of bulldozer work on 30 sites. The results were encouraging. In April 1978 a survey was done to determine preliminary results. It was found that of 25 dams, 8 dams caught water to capacity, 9 caught water at less than capacity and 8 did not catch water due to insufficient rainfall.

This year the project is being carried out further to the east of Mafraq where poorer farmers can be helped. The cost to the farmer has also been reduced this year from J.D. 2 per bulldozer hour to J.D. 1 per bulldozer hour.

On our way out to the project area, we stopped to visit a dam built during last summer's work, located on the south side on the Mafraq-Iraq highway near Bustanah village. Within the area which had been flooded behind the dam we found tomato plants blossoming and cucumbers, watermelons and squash all thriving. The total area of the plot was about 4,000 sq. metres. Other sites we saw along the highway were planted with olive trees, almonds and grape vines.



A tomato plant grows in the area behind a dam which was built during the 1977 season. The farmer is now cultivating 4,000 sq. metres of land which was flooded with winter rains and can now support vegetables during the dry summer season.

paratively large. One of their tasks is to survey enough sites so that the bulldozer operators never run out of work. We were told that a second bulldozer would be brought to work in the area soon.

Coordination of the project required cooperation among the M.C.C., the Department of Social Affairs, the mutassarif of Mafraq and the Ministry of Agriculture. The total cost will come to about J.D. 9100.

Additional aspects of the project are subsidised tree seedlings which M.C.C. has been involved in olive tree seedling distribution in that area for five seasons now.

Reflecting on what we had seen during the visit to the Tall Al Rimah area, it was clear that runoff farming schemes are not the glamorous desert reclamation projects which we read about, nor are they ever likely to rival the Jordan Valley in agriculture production.

What was clear, though, was that these Jordanian farmers are now involved in a self-help process, which if developed, maintained and continued, will bring their families a better life. At present, sheep and goats are almost the sole source of agricultural income for them. Several dunums of vegetables or tree crops growing behind a catchment dam will diversify their agricultural production and increase their income.

Eating a lunch of bread, tomatoes, eggs and fried potatoes in the home of one of the farmers, discussing the progress of work on his dam, listening to his request for more assistance than the crew had time to provide, observing the camaraderie among the bulldozer operator, the crew and the farmer, sharing tea more tea, and then coffee, and then watching everyone leave to go back to work, we noticed that beyond the dam construction taking place on this man's land a spirit of cooperation and friendship was also being built. The three young sons of the farmer would perhaps in the future forget the dam construction itself, but would remember and benefit from its results and would be able to help others in the area benefit from similar cooperation.



A thriving cucumber plant grows in the area behind a dam which was built during the last summer season (1977). The total cultivated area is about 4,000 sq. metres.

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Jordan Weekly Calendar

(Week of June 30-July 6)

FILMS

FRIDAY, June 30: Second showing of the Russian ballet film "Majnoun Leila". Soviet Cultural Centre. 6:00 p.m.

THEATRE

CONTINUING: Egyptian comedy theatre, the Rihani group is presenting "Who Doesn't Love Zouba". Starring Noura, Ibrahim Sa'fan and Sayed Zayyan. Palace of Culture. 8:30 p.m. In Arabic. Last performance on July 1.

ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY, July 2: The Mansudae Art Troupe of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea begin their 2-week tour of Jordan with a performance including singing, dancing and acrobatics. Palace of Culture. 8:30 p.m. The Jordan Times will keep readers informed about further performances.

MONDAY, July 3: Musical programme featuring the "Roots". Haya Arts Centre. 5:00 p.m. Tickets available at the door. Second performance on July 5, same time.

THURSDAY, July 6: Musical varieties programme featuring "Disco Sound" and "Music Express". Palace of Culture. Second performance on July 7.

SPORTS

FRIDAY, June 30: Last day of the Amman Slo-Pitch League season, with Marines vs. Zachry at 8:30 a.m. and U.S. Embassy vs. Raytheon at 10:30 a.m. American Community School.



Above and below are scenes from two of the dances performed by the Mansudae Art Troupe of Pyongyang North Korea.



Scotland hosts U.K.'s first ever Arab week

GLASGOW (Agencies). — The first Arab week ever to be held in the United Kingdom was officially inaugurated in Scotland's industrial capital Glasgow on June 26 by Minister of State for Scotland, the Right Honourable Gregor Mackenzie.

The opening ceremony of Scottish Arab week was attended by Sheikh Jamil Farsi, Emir of the State of Fawwaz Ibn Abdul Aziz, Mustafa K.M. Munir, Minister-Counsellor at the Egyptian embassy in London representing the Egyptian ambassador, and Mr. David Hodge, Lord Provost of Glasgow.

The chairman of the Scottish Arab Friendship Association which organised the Scottish Arab Week, Mr. Peter McCann, former Lord Provost of Glasgow, was also present along with the Vice Chairman, Dr. Husni Yousef from the Duki district of Cairo.

A message of greetings and encouragement was read from Fawwaz Ibn Abdul Aziz, Prince of the Mecca region and Honorary President and patron of the Scottish-Arab Friendship Association, in which he expressed the hope that the week would add to the mutual understanding and cooperation which he wished to see between Scotland and the Arab countries.

Mr. Mackenzie spoke of the important part Scotland had played in developing trade links between the United Kingdom and the Arab World.

"In recent years our trade links with the Arab world have grown enormously," he said.

"The value of our exports has increased more than fivefold between 1973 and 1977 from £490 million to £2,700 million but the flow of trade is by no means one way. In 1974 our sales to Arab countries only sufficed to pay for some 25 per cent of our imports, mainly oil. Over the years, this imbalance has improved until by 1977 the two-way trade was roughly in equilibrium.

"Over the past five years the importance of the Arab World in the Western economy and to the British economy has increased dramatically.

"In the past three years," Mr. Mackenzie continued, "seven trade missions organised by Scottish chambers of commerce and the Scottish council for development and industry

and supported by the British Overseas Trade Board have visited Arab countries. Plans are well advanced for a further four trade missions to leave by the end of the year to Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Syria."

Mr. Mackenzie added that trade was not the only link between the United Kingdom and the Arab world and spoke of the growing Arab community in Scotland: Doctors who received their training at the universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh, engineers and scientists at the Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh and Strathclyde University, Glasgow.

Recently, Egyptian Minister of Health, Dr. Badran visited Glasgow to discuss the training of Egyptian para-medical technicians and the setting up of an interchange of staff between Glasgow University and Egyptian medical institutions for the foundation of clinical physics as a new development.

The main feature of Scottish Arab Week is an exhibition in the MacLellan Galleries in the city centre which has an Islamic holy room with a model of the Prophet, Muhammad's mosque at Medina, items

from the private collection of Sheikh M. Said Farsi, Mayor of Jeddah and the plans for the Glasgow mosque — on which work is due to start later this year.

A display of paintings by the Egyptian painter Salah Taher, ceramics from Jordan and items from the permanent exhibition of the Iraqi Cultural Centre in London are also part of the exhibition.

JETT director returns from signing agreement in Turkey

AMMAN, June 29 (JNA). — Director General of the Jordan Express Tourist Transport Company (JETT) Adnan Al Mufti returned here today at the end of a visit to Turkey which lasted several days. During the visit the JETT company concluded an agreement with the Turkish authorities to buy five new P-11man buses. With the arrival of the new vehicles, Mr. Al Mufti said, the company will have 33 buses operating on domestic routes and on the Amman-Damascus line.

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Negotiations completed for \$35m. loan from Kuwait fund to Arab Potash Company

AMMAN, June 29 (JNA). — Official talks between officials of the National Planning Council, the Arab Potash Company (APC) and the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development ended here today.

The ten-day negotiations dealt with a \$35 million loan from the fund to APC for financing part of the second phase of the project to extract potash from the Dead Sea.

Agreement was reached on a bilateral agreement between the National Planning Council (NPC) and the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development for the loan which the Jordanian government would re-lend to the Arab Potash Company.

The draft agreement will be debated by the APC board before it is submitted to the government for approval and before signing the agreement with the Kuwaiti fund.

APC board chairman Ali Al Khasawneh expressed his appreciation for the interest of the President of the Kuwait Fund Sheikh Abdul Latif Al Hamad in participating in the potash project.

During its visit to Jordan the fund's delegation looked into the project and the company's plans to exploit the Dead Sea's mineral wealth.

Economic and Business News

Industrial income in 1977 increased to JD 70 million

AMMAN, June 29 (JNA). — The industrial and mining sector has achieved satisfactory growth during 1977 raising the industrial income in current prices from JD 61 million in 1976 to JD 70 million in 1977, an official of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce said today. The growth comes as a result of increased production in most of Jordan's industries especially phosphate, cigarettes and iron. For example, Jordan's phosphate production went up from 1,701,000 tons in 1976 to 1,769,000 in 1977, an increase of four per cent due to an increase in the foreign demand for this commodity.

Qatar gives \$250,000 to West Bank university

AMMAN, June 29 (JNA). — Qatar has granted the Al Najah University in the occupied West Bank town of Nablus a contribution of \$250,000. The sum was handed here today to the Chairman of the university board of directors Hikmat Al Masri by Qatar's ambassador to Jordan.

National News Roundup...

Excavations to begin in Petra, Sunday

AMMAN, June 29 (JNA). — Excavation work will start at two ancient temples in the old city of Petra next Sunday. An archaeological team from the Department of Oriental Studies at the University of Utah, U.S., in cooperation with the Department of Antiquities will carry out the excavation work at the "winged lion" and "girl's palace" temples which lie in the centre of the ancient Nabatean city prior to restoration and maintenance work there.

Crown Prince Hassan receives credentials of Bulgarian, Sudanese ambassadors

AMMAN, June 29 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Viceroy received today the credentials of the newly appointed Bulgarian ambassador to Jordan Mr. Stefan Metev. The Crown Prince later received the credentials of the new Sudanese ambassador to Jordan Mr. Ahmad Mohammad Dhiyab. Both ceremonies were attended by the minister of state for foreign affairs and the secretary general of the Royal Court.

Jordan's ambassador to Romania sworn in

AMMAN, June 29 (JNA). — Jordan's appointed ambassador to Romania, Mr. Marwan Doudin, was sworn in today before his Highness Crown Prince Hassan the viceroy. The swearing in ceremony at Raghadan palace was attended by the minister of state for foreign affairs and the secretary general of the Royal Court.

Cinemas to show matinees during summer

AMMAN, June 29 (JNA). — The military governor general has decided to allow cinemas to show matinees as from June 29 and during the summer school vacation. The governor general also decided to implement the defence order that forbids showing matinees after the summer vacation.

Road closed due to work on Shmeisani Interchange

AMMAN, June 29 (JNA). — The Traffic Department has decided to close down the street between the Intelligence Building and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to traffic until further notice because of construction work the Shmeisani interchange.

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	Par value	Volume traded	Last buying offer	Last selling offer	Closing price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	2,470	6,800	6,900	6,850
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	2,065	15,250	15,150	15,150
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	814	2,150	2,200	2,150
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	1,377	18,700	18,800	18,800
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	1,092	—	—	1,150
Jordan - Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	1,802	1,450	—	1,550
Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	390	1,050	1,100	1,100
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	886	—	1,850	1,800
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	45	0,900	0,950	0,900
Jordan Glass Factories	JD 1,000	22	0,800	0,850	0,850
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	66	0,950	1,050	0,950
Bank of Jordan	JD 5,000	1,050	7,000	—	7,000
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	1,100	—	11,000	10,500
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	150	0,700	0,750	0,750

Total volume traded, Thursday, June 29 JD 13,869

Total number of shares traded 5,676

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- 60 per cent of share capital paid.
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RADIO JORDAN

5:00 Sign-on	14:10 Music
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7:20 News Bulletin	14:30 Concert Hour
8:00 News Headlines	14:40 Pedagogical Pop
8:05 Morning Show	14:50 Sesame Street
8:30 Country Music	15:00 Role of Islam
	15:10 Pop Session
	15:20 News Summary
	15:30 Faces and places
	15:40 Jordan Weekly
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VOICE OF AMERICA

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AMMAN AIRPORT

Migrant workers try to organise to get better conditions

The migrants who pick the fruit and vegetables for America's dinner tables—among the poorest people in the nation—are organising to achieve better wages, improved working conditions, and adequate education for their children. Here correspondent reports on their search for a better life.

By Robert M. Press
The Christian Science Monitor
News Service

CHICAGO, Illinois (CSM)—Tonight each American in the U.S. will probably eat something picked by members of one of the poorest groups in the nation—migrant farm workers.

Although machines have replaced the need for some migrants, many workers still are needed each year to help pick tomatoes, oranges, cherries, peaches, apples, lettuce, pickles and sugar beets.

Tomatoes with skins thick enough not to be bruised by picking machines are well suited for canning—but not for salads. And roots of trees shaken by harvesting machines have been so damaged in some cases they have died.

Fred Romero, a top United States Department of Labour official, says the gradual decline in the number of U.S. migrant farm workers appears to have hit a "plateau". This summer there was a

shortage of migrant workers in Washington and Oregon, he says.

Migrant life

So far years ahead, it is likely many of the estimated 750,000 to two million migrants (including dependents who travel with the workers) will continue each season to crowd into buses, trucks and cars to follow the harvest. Winding their way northward—primarily from California, Texas and Florida—following the harvest, they may wander some 2,000 miles before returning to their homes for the winter.

Along the way, their children miss regular school. The families often live in farm camps without indoor plumbing or heating—some even live in converted chicken coops—and many families return home as poor as they did when they left.

Migrant leaders are pressing for change on two fronts: Organising migrant and settled farm workers to demand better

wages and working conditions. —Helping migrants settle down to permanent farm or other jobs so they can provide less disruptive education for their children.

Unionising

Unionising farm workers still is in a "seed" stage almost everywhere except California, where the Teamsters are active and where Cesar Chavez says he has more than 20,000 members in his United Farm Workers Union.

A committee appointed two years ago by U.S. district Court judge Charles R. Richey in Washington in response to migrant complaints, recently concluded that the U.S. Department of Labour-funded state employment services are failing to give adequate help to migrants in finding non-farm jobs.

The National Association of Farm Worker Organisations (NAFO), a coalition of some 40 migrant groups, wants federal migrant assistance funds shifted from the employment services to such groups as the Associated Migrant Opportunity Services (AMOS) in Indiana, which already are helping migrants find jobs.

Because of their close contact at various stages in the season with pesticides and insecticides, the

work migrants do is considered nearly as hazardous as construction work. But migrants have no fringe benefits such as health insurance, pensions, or overtime pay.

Unemployment compensation has been available to many migrants for the past two years, but many are unaware of this.

Major problems
Three other major problems persist:

Housing. This year, under court order, the Department of Labour has begun uninvited inspections of migrant camps. Mr. Romero estimates some 40 per cent of the 60,000 camps in the U.S. are not in compliance with federal standards, but he says inspections are limited by a lack of personnel.

Wages. Although covered by federal minimum wage laws (lower than for most workers), most mig-

rants are poor because of low piece-rate pay and many days without work each year.

A national household survey done in 1971, says the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), shows migrant families—who generally have more children than the national averages—had a median family income from farm and non-farm work, unemployment compensation, and welfare of \$ 6,096 compared to the median then of all families of \$ 10,285.

A 1973 survey, recently reported by the USDA showed each migrant farm worker earned only \$ 3,117 from his farm work.

Education. Migrant children can make up lost school time in special summer classes in many states, but Mr. Romero says many of these programmes appear to be inadequate, as special teacher

training is needed. A Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) task force is about to examine the programmes.

Number of migrants

NAFO National Director Tom Jones argues that the U.S. Census Bureau has made a "drastic underestimation" in the number of migrants in the United States. Mr. Jones estimates, on the basis of contacts with migrant groups in most states, that there are about two million migrant workers and dependents.

HEW's Migrant Health Service estimates the total to be only 750,000. The USDA, which uses the census figures and says they are "good ones", based on samplings from 50,000 homes across the country, says there are some 188,000 migrant workers, not counting dependents.

The figures are important because "the data becomes policy" in determining federal budget requests for migrant regulation and services.

Mr. Jones also disputes Census Bureau findings last year that estimated the migrant population includes about three times as many "white" as Spanish-origin migrants. The estimate was made on the basis of persons crossing a county line and staying overnight for farm work.

Says Mr. Jones: "Not in one state can they (federal officials) show me where that ratio applies."



Machines have replaced some migrants but many workers are still needed to pick tomatoes, oranges, peaches, lettuce and other fruits and vegetables.

Family of nine makes do with one-room cabin

GREENTOWN, Indiana (CSM)—Julian Aguilera shows this reporter into the drafty, one-room, wooden-walled cabin here

which he and his wife and seven of his eight children have been assigned on the farm. It has a few chairs, and three double beds—three people to a bed—but no insulation or heating. (Mr. Aguilera keeps his coat on inside as he sits down on one of the beds). A small stove and table comprise the kitchen area.

"Friends talked about going north," he begins, explaining why he became a migrant two years ago. Previously he worked on a shrimp boat and later in a boatyard in Texas. Home is still Brownsville, Texas, but now he and his family follow the harvests through Florida, Indiana, and Michigan.

The pay is low, the hours long. He and his three oldest children start picking at dawn and quit about 5:30 or 6 p.m. On good days each of them can earn about \$ 25 a day, but on rainy days here—and while traveling—there is no money coming in.

Mr. Aguilera reaches behind him to pull a blanket over the head of one of his younger children who is on the same bed and supposed to be sleeping.

After some encouragement, Columba Aguilera, his wife, joins the conversation. She sits somewhat nervously on a straight-backed wooden chair and considers the question: What are the good and bad points of the migrant life?

"It's O.K. but it's not," she says. "We're not at home." It is hard to travel, she explains. The family is together... "But..." she pauses. At home they can watch T.V., she goes on, but here (they have no T.V. with them) it is "pure work".

Most of the Aguilera children are watching us by now: some of the shyer ones peek out from

behind their brothers and sisters. Julian, 16, says he has no definite plans on what he wants to be. But, he adds firmly: "I don't want to pick tomatoes."

Elva, ten, who seems the least shy of all, is a fourth grader this fall. "I like it here," she says, "because I'm with my friends."

Farm manager: We can't afford higher pay



CONVERSE, Indiana (CSM)—John Fraley leans back in his chair in the dimly lit, small office of the farm and plant he manages for Morgan Packing Company here, which processes tomatoes picked mostly by migrant labour. Tall, slender, beyond the age he had planned for retirement, he explains why farmers say they cannot afford to pay migrants more.

Growing fruits and vegetables is

a "highly competitive" and high-risk business, he says. Farmers don't set the prices they get for their goods. And hiring migrants costs more than just the piece-rate wage paid to them, he adds.

The migrant camp on this farm has housing for about 350 persons. It cost the company about \$ 80,000 to build a decade ago, says Mr. Fraley. And each year at the end of the season "mattresses disappear by the dozen." Some fold-

ing chairs, electric heaters and even washing machines disappear too, he says.

Migrant labour, he explains, is "hard work. Local people just won't do that kind of work." But wages, he insists, have gone up constantly. (Local migrant leaders disagree).

"They (migrants) go back home and live very well," he continues. Many items are cheap in southern Texas because of competition with

Mexican goods.

But, he adds: "Many don't save anything. Many of them do go home broke."

Another competition from Mexico (for legal migrants at least) is the great influx of illegal migrant farm workers into the U.S. "The reason a lot of farmers prefer illegals is they are hard workers," Mr. Fraley says, candidly.

Migrant organiser: Our only hope is education

KOKOMO, Indiana (CSM)—Benito Lopez Jr., a former migrant, usually wears clean boots, a hard-brimmed hat, a sporty shirt, and a vest with an arm patch reading: "Viva La Causa" (long live the cause).

For him the "cause" is the same one the much-better-known Cesar Chavez has been pursuing for years among farm workers in California—better pay and better working conditions for those who pick crops.

As a boy in Texas, Mr. Lopez would get up at 4 a.m. to accompany his family to the fields. Gradually, the family migrated farther from home until they arrived in Indiana, where he settled down, first to local jobs, then to helping other migrants.

Among the thousands of migrants who come through this state every year, he is well known and respected. Among many farmers in the area he is also well known, but disliked. In the past few years, as he has agitated for higher pay and better conditions for migrants, he has been shot at several times.

Last summer he organised a strike—the first of its kind in this area—at a Morgan Packing Company plant in nearby Warren, which resulted in the piece-rate wage for a basket of tomatoes being raised from 22 to 24 cents.

In the long run, he said recently, at breakfast, "our only salvation is education." So he tries convincing migrants to settle down at whatever job they can find to give their children better education.



Migrant organiser Benito Lopez Jr.

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PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Handle domestic tasks well and then get into your specialized work and do a good job. Take time to handle correspondence intelligently.

Canada seeks Saudi Arabian investment; Yamani noncommittal

OTTAWA, Canada, June 29 (AP). — Canada has been making an appeal for Saudi Arabian investment in projects such as Alberta's Athabasca oil sands development during Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani's current tour, but the Saudi Arabian oil minister so far has been politely noncommittal.

Mr. Yamani said at a news conference yesterday his country has not yet launched studies on investment possibilities in ventures such as the \$2.1 billion Syncrude Canada Ltd. project in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

But he indicated he is interested in prospects for Alberta oil to deal with future world oil shortages. The investment decisions are in the hands of other Saudi officials, he said.

Mr. Yamani said Saudi Arabia already invests heavily in Canada -- "probably a little more than in the United Kingdom."

However, his government had not begun detailed studies of the Alberta development. "I only went yesterday to the tar sands," he said.

But he was personally interested in the oil sands project because "the world will face a very serious problem" in oil supplies shortly, he said.

"Any additional new sources of supply will help to solve the problem," he said. "I know that Canada has some potentiality in that area. But the investment part of it isn't in my jurisdiction."

Investment experts would have to balance this sort of deal with other requests they get, Mr. Yamani said.

It is understood Energy Minister Alastair Gillespie and other government officials stressed that Canada is a secure place for Saudi money in discussions with the Saudi oil minister in the last few days.

Canada imports oil worth about \$750 million a year from Saudi Arabia and a federal source said Saudi investment in Canadian oil projects would help balance this outflow of dollars.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Cey's 3-run homer leads Dodgers 3-2 over Braves

NEW YORK, June 29 (AP). — Ron Cey belted a three-run homer for the second straight game and gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves last night.

Elsewhere in the National League, Philadelphia exploded for five runs in the seventh inning and Garry Maddox had three RBI's as the Phillies defeated the Montreal Expos 7-5.

Bob Watson slammed a three-run homer in the seventh inning and Tom Dixon hurled a four-hitter for his first major league shutout as the Houston Astros blanked the Cincinnati Reds 3-0.

Kent Reitz's two-run double snapped an 11th-inning tie and gave the St. Louis Cardinals a 7-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Mick Kelleher's bunt with the bases loaded drove in the winning run in the 10th inning and gave the Chicago Cubs a 9-8 victory over the New York Mets.

co Carty smashed a two-run, first-inning homer to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 3-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Ben Oglivie hit a three-run, seventh-inning homer to back Mike Caldwell's six-hitter as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the New York Yankees 5-0 in the first game of a doubleheader. The Brewers came back to win the nightcap 7-2 as Sal Bando's RBI single broke a 2-2 tie in the seventh.

The Detroit Tigers scored a 4-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians in the first game of a doubleheader. The Indians won the nightcap 2-1 as Andre Thornton stroked a tie-breaking RBI single in the sixth inning.

In the first game of a National League doubleheader on the west coast, Larry Herndon drilled four hits and scored two runs to lead San Francisco over the Oakland Athletics 4-2.

Dave Winfield's two-run homer and clutch relief pitching by John D'Aquisto led the Padres to a 4-1 victory in the second game.

In late A.L. action on the west coast Jorge Orta cracked his 10th homer of the season, a three-run blast in the sixth inning, to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 4-2 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

Dave Chalk collected four hits and drove in a pair of runs to lead the California Angels to a 9-5 victory the Kansas City Royals in a game delayed 40 minutes by a power failure.

Mike Edwards' 15th-inning single scored pinch-runner Rob Picciolo from second base to give the Oakland A's a 2-1 victory over the Texas Rangers.

AMERICAN LEAGUE:

EAST:	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	51	22	.699	—
Milwaukee	43	31	.581	8 1/2
New York	42	32	.568	9 1/2
Baltimore	40	34	.541	11 1/2
Detroit	36	36	.500	14 1/2
Cleveland	33	39	.458	17 1/2
Toronto	26	47	.356	25

WEST:	W	L	PCT.	GB
Texas	39	33	.542	—
Kansas City	38	34	.528	1
California	38	36	.514	2
Oakland	36	38	.486	4
Chicago	34	39	.466	5 1/2
Minnesota	30	41	.423	8 1/2
Seattle	26	50	.342	15

Wednesday's games:
Detroit 4-1, Cleveland 3-2
Milwaukee 5-7, New York 0-2
Toronto 3, Baltimore 2
California 9, Kansas City 5
Oakland 2, Texas 1, 15 innings
Chicago 4, Seattle 2.

Iran will hire advisors to improve football team

TEHRAN, June 29 (R). — Iran, fresh from a moderate performance in the World Cup finals, is planning to hire top-level foreign technical advisors to help coach Heshmat Mohajeri prepare the national team for future international tournaments, it was reported here yesterday.

The Kayhan international newspaper quoted Football Federation officials as saying men being considered as possible technical advisors included Lajos Baroti of Hungary, Michel Hidalgo of France, Stephen Kovacs of Romania, Weis Weiller of West Germany and Jackie Charlton of England.

Federation Secretary-General Hushang Didehban said the Iranian team's main problem was lack of expertise in tactical maneuvers.

Iran was now aiming to build a top-notch team for the 1980 Moscow Olympic games, and would use the Asian games in Bangkok next December as a stepping stone for Moscow, he said.

Major league baseball results and standings after Wednesday's games:

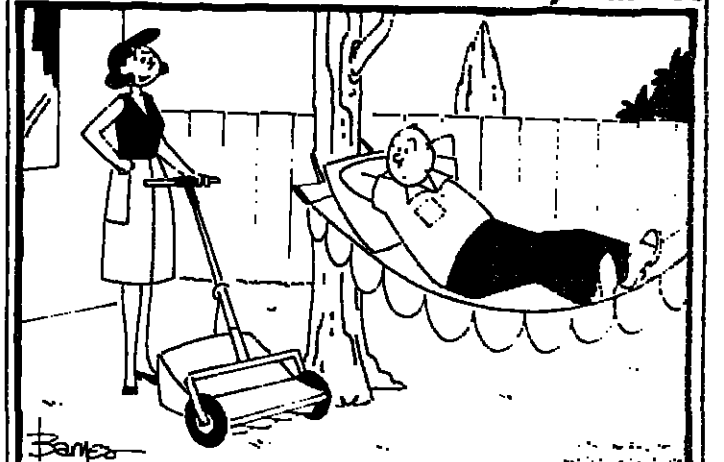
NATIONAL LEAGUE:

EAST:	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	38	30	.559	—
Chicago	37	33	.529	2
Montreal	37	37	.500	4
Pittsburgh	34	37	.479	5 1/2
New York	32	44	.421	10
St. Louis	29	47	.382	13

WEST:	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	47	27	.635	—
Cincinnati	44	30	.595	3
Los Angeles	41	32	.562	5 1/2
San Diego	36	39	.480	11 1/2
Houston	32	38	.457	13
Atlanta	29	42	.408	16 1/2

Wednesday's games:
Chicago 9, New York 8, 10 innings
St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 5
Philadelphia 7, Montreal 5
Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 2
Houston 3, Cincinnati 0
San Francisco 4-1, San Diego 2-4

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES LONDON MARKET REPORT

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One Sterling	1.8650/60	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0745/60	West German marks
	2.2280/2300	Dutch guilders
	1.8540/50	Swiss francs
	32.61/63	Belgian francs
	4.4900/50	French francs
	855.50/80	Italian lire
	204.90/205.10	Japanese yen
	4.5715/30	Swedish crowns
	5.3955/70	Norwegian crowns
	5.6340/55	Danish crowns

Prices closed mixed Thursday after a quiet session with government stocks slightly firmer and leading industrials mixed, dealers said.

Long dated government bonds gained up to 3/8 point while shorts rose up to 1/4. Leading industrials recovered some earlier small falls to close a penny or so higher. At 15:00 hrs. the F.T. index was down 1.7 at 453.6.

Some oils were a penny down while banks were steady. Mining shares closed in line with the gold bullion while Australians were mixed.

Price of gold closed in London Thursday at \$184.50/oz.

GOOREDBRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
+6 ♠AQ83 ♠10762 +K953
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
1 ♠ 2 ♠ ?
What action do you take?
A.—Double. Don't expect a bonanza, although you should defeat two diamonds. With your singleton in partner's suit and four trumps, your hand could easily produce four or more tricks on defense. The main point of the double is to warn partner against bidding spades again.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
+AQ ♠A ♠AQ10963 +J1073
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
Pass 1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 NT
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 3 NT
Pass ?
What action do you take?
A.—Partner rejected your slam try when he simply returned to three no trump over your cue-bid of the enemy suit. However, you have not yet done your hand full justice. Partner is not aware that you have a good six-card suit, so we suggest you bid four diamonds to test his reactions.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
+K72 ♠A9 ♠A76 +AK993
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
?
What do you bid now?
A.—You have made two slam tries and so far you have elicited the information that partner has second-round heart control and a rebiddable spade suit. There is a tendency to commit the hand to slam, but that would be precipitate. For the moment, you need no more than bid three spades. If partner raises to game, you can make one more move by bidding five clubs.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
+KJ3 ♠J105 +KJ985 +83
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
1 ♠ 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?
A.—You have a smattering of values and your hand is enhanced by the fact that your spades are behind the overcaller. A bid of one no trump describes your hand perfectly.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
+A1095 ♠AK10762 +A93

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♠ 3 ♠
?
What do you bid now?
A.—You do not like throwing in the towel when we hold half the deck, but here there is no better action available. East has balanced in our strongest suit. Any action we take will either bring a spade response from partner or drive the opponent into spades, which would surely be a better spot for them.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
+7 ♠AKJ5 ♠AJ83 +AQ85
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass Pass 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?
A.—We do not like throwing in the towel when we hold half the deck, but here there is no better action available. East has balanced in our strongest suit. Any action we take will either bring a spade response from partner or drive the opponent into spades, which would surely be a better spot for them.

Q.7—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
+K ♠K854 ♠10762 +Q95
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ ?
What action do you take?
A.—Partner is showing a good hand—with a minimum he should have raised directly to two hearts or passed two clubs. He also has diamond shortness. Since all of your cards are working, you should trust his bidding and jump to four hearts, a game that is almost sure to make.

Q.8—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
+Q104 ♠A7 ♠J1072 +QJ85
Partner opens the bidding with two no trump. What do you respond?
A.—You have 10 points, and partner has shown 22-24. If he is in the upper range for his bid, you want to play in six no trump. Jump raise partner to four no trump. That is not Blackwood—asking for aces—but a quantitative raise in no trump, requesting partner to bid the small slam if he has better than a minimum.

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Indian Cabinet calls for resignation of 2 senior ministers

NEW DELHI, June 29 (R). — The Indian Cabinet was today reported to have called for the resignation of two senior ministers as a leadership battle in the ruling Janata Party reached a crucial stage.

There was no official confirmation of the report by India's two national news agencies, the Press Trust of India (PTI) and the United News India (UNI), that the Cabinet had authorised Prime Minister Morarji Desai to write to Home Minister Charan Singh and Health Minister Raj Narain calling on them to quit.

An official spokesman said later the Cabinet had left to Mr. Desai the decision on what "appropriate action" to take against the ministers who have been increasingly critical of the Janata leadership.

Authoritative sources said the Cabinet was unanimous yesterday demanding that the government should immediately arrest former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on charges arising out of her 21-month emergency rule which ended at a general election in March, 1977.

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Statements by Health Minister Narain were described by ministers as a "gross act of

indiscretion."

The two ministers are seeking more say in the government for their Indian Peoples Party, one of the five parties making up the Janata grouping.

The simmering revolt by the two came to a head last night when the Home Minister demanded that the government arrest former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on charges arising out of her 21-month emergency rule which ended at a general election in March, 1977.

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Mr. Singh has also differed with the prime minister on economic issues and Janata's ad hoc style of functioning.

"They (people) think that we in the government are a pack of impotent people who cannot govern the country," Mr. Singh said in his statement yesterday.

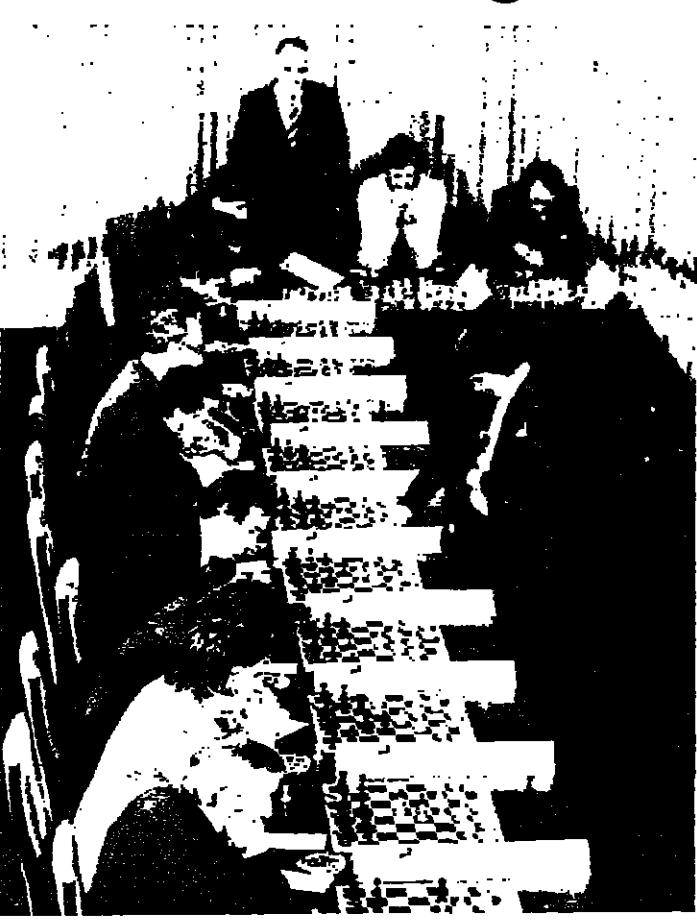
At a government briefing today, Information Minister L. K. Advani parried questions on whether the prime minister would be taking over the Home Ministry portfolio or whether a Cabinet reshuffle was imminent.

Mr. Singh, who is convalescing on the outskirts of New Delhi from a recent heart attack, was not present at the Cabinet meeting.

Also absent was Health Minister Narain who left for Patna in eastern India to meet Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, the man who helped set up the Janata Party after Mrs. Gandhi's defeat in the 1977 general elections.

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U.S. Supreme Court rules in favor of Bakke in reverse discrimination case

WASHINGTON, June 29 (R). — The U.S. Supreme Court ruled yesterday it was illegal for a university to reserve a certain number of places for blacks and other minorities.

In a decision which will have far-reaching effects on programs aimed at helping the disadvantaged, the Court ruled that a 33-year-old white, Allan Bakke, was illegally discriminated against when he was refused admission to the University of California's medical school at Davis.

The Court said that Bakke, who was refused admission though 18 minority applicants with poorer school records were accepted, must be admitted.

Mr. Bakke, a tall, slim engineer and Vietnam veteran, had charged that it was a case of "reverse discrimination" after he was refused admission in 1973 and 1974.

But while ruling in Mr. Bakke's favour, the Court held that government-supported pro-

grammes may take race into account when they try to remedy past discrimination against minorities.

This will preserve many such programmes, known as "affirmative action", because they represent a concerted effort to make reparations to disadvantaged minorities.

The critical factor in determining whether such programmes will any longer be acceptable appeared to be whether they are based on official findings of a genuine condition of past discrimination that should be overcome. Some will undoubtedly fail that test.

Justice Thurgood Marshall, the Court's only black judge, said: "I cannot even guess the number of state and local governments that have set up affirmative action programmes which may be affected by today's decision."

While voting in favour of Mr. Bakke on most of the questions involved, he dissented with the court's conclusion that the "special admissions" programme that the university employed to guarantee that 16 of every 100 incoming students would be members of minority groups was unconstitutional.

Editor murdered in new wave of violence in northern Spain

BILBAO, Spain June 29 (R). — Gunmen believed to be Basque separatist guerrillas shot dead a Bilbao newspaper editor today in a new upsurge of political violence in Spain's troubled northern Basque country.

Jose Maria Portell, 44, was ambushed by youths armed with pistols and machine-guns as he left home for work on a local newspaper, police said.

The dead man's wife heard the shots and ran to the balcony of their home.

"The car door was open and the horn was blaring," she said. "I rushed down, he was still breathing."

Mr. Portell, hit five times, died on the way to hospital.

Bilbao Police Chief Jose Sainz told reporters: "At first sight the style of the attack and the ammunition point to ETA."

The ETA organisation, whose initials stand for Euzko Askatasuna and Liberty is fighting to establish an independent, marxist state of the four Spanish and three French Basque provinces.

The dead man was a known specialist on ETA and had mediated between the group and the authorities. But he was believed to have lost sympathy with them as they continued their violent guerrilla campaign against Spain's new democratic state.

As well as his local newspaper work he also edited the weekly Hoja del Lunes newspaper.

U.S. State Department and newspaper executives express serious concern over charges against correspondents

WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP). — The State Department and executives of the New York Times and the Baltimore Sun expressed serious concern yesterday over charges brought against two U.S. correspondents by Soviet authorities.

"Obviously we view a mat-

ter such as this with concern for the effect it can have on the flow of information and the conditions under which journalists work," State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said.

"We intend to follow the matter very closely, and will

provide what appropriate and possible assistance we can as called upon. We don't know what the Soviets' motives might be," he added.

In Baltimore, Donald H. Patterson Sr., publisher of the Sun, said: "We're in a bit of a dilemma. We don't have any expertise on Russian law and philosophy, why should we allow our correspondent to be subjected to a court trial for

something which wasn't published in Russia?"

A. M. Rosenthal, executive editor of the Times, said in New York: "The Soviet action strikes us as a clear and quite dangerous attempt to prevent foreign correspondents from carrying out their normal duties."

"If Soviet state organisations -- and in the Soviet Union all organisations are state organi-

sations -- follow a policy of dragging reporters into court when they don't like their reporting, it would become impossible for them to work," he said. "It is also quite plain that if the Soviet Union embarks upon a policy of harassment of American foreign correspondents, in time neither Soviet nor American correspondents would be able to work fruitfully in each other's country."

Mr. Rosenthal said harassment of correspondents could cause "serious damage to the relations between the Soviet Union and the United States."

In Europe's interest for EEC to include Spain, says d'Estaing

MADRID, June 29 (R). — French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing said yesterday that it was in Europe's interest for Spain to join the Common Market.

In a speech at the start of a four-day official visit to Spain, the first by a French leader for 12 years, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing went out of his way to dispel doubts about France's attitude towards Madrid's application to join the EEC.

While recognising that Spain's membership of the EEC would pose serious problems for France and Spain he added:

"I am sure, however, that we shall be able to resolve them if we have the wisdom to arrange the necessary precautions, transitional periods and safeguards."

"In order that no doubt remains, I repeat here in my name and in that of the government which has discussed it that Spain's entry into the (European) Community not only corresponds with a legitimate aspiration but is also in line with the nature of things and the interest of Europe."

France traditionally has been Spain's chief advocate in the Common Market.

But doubts about France's position grew after newly democratic Spain applied to join the EEC last July. During the French general election campaign earlier this year, French political leaders from both left and right voiced serious concern about the impact Spanish membership would have on French farmers -- notably fruit and vegetable producers in the south.

President Giscard d'Estaing made his speech at a gala dinner given in his honour at the Royal Palace by King Juan Carlos, who has led Spain towards democracy since the death of General Franco in 1975.

In his speech of welcome, the monarch, a personal friend of the French leader, made a vibrant appeal for Spain's admission to the EEC.

"Europe, without Spain, would be incomplete, like an unfinished symbol," he said. "We know ourselves feel and want to be European. Europe is our future, perhaps still an imperfect one but attractive and one which we cannot give up."

Greece anxious to return to NATO but opposed by Turkey, says General Haig

WASHINGTON, June 29 (R). — General Alexander Haig, the U.S. military commander in Europe, said yesterday Greece was anxious to return to NATO's integrated military command but faced Turkish opposition because of the U.S. arms embargo.

He said he believed Turkey would never agree to Greece's re-entry into the command structure while the three and one-half year-old embargo remained in effect, but said if it were lifted it would help the negotiations with Greece.

General Haig was testifying to the Senate Armed Services Committee together with top Carter administration officials to urge repeal of the embargo, which was imposed by Congress because Turkey used U.S. weapons in its 1974 invasion of Cyprus.

Following the invasion, the Greek government withdrew its forces from the NATO command structure. NATO officials have recently been trying to clear the way for Greece's return.

General Haig described the military level talks as frank and constructive and the mood as flexible.

"My view is that Greece is very anxious to return to the military structure," he told the committee.

He said continuation of the embargo would reduce Turkey's contribution to NATO and erode NATO influence on the Turkish government.

General Haig said he had no doubt that when the Soviet chief of armed forces visited Ankara last month there were talks about the Soviet Union fulfilling Turkish requirements not available from NATO sources.

Experts recommend \$3m. plan to fight locusts in Africa

ROME, June 29 (R). — A \$3 million emergency plan to fight locusts devastating the Horn of Africa was recommended today by experts meeting at the Rome headquarters of the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

About 50 swarms of locusts are moving through Ethiopia and Somalia in the early stages of a plague, an FAO official said.

These swarms occupy about 200 square kilometres (75 sq. miles) each, said Jean Roy, senior officer in FAO's Locust Emergency Office.

He said the swarms could spread into Sudan and across Africa as far as Morocco and Mauritania and across the Arabian peninsula to India and Pakistan.

The meeting recommended the \$3 million be made available as soon as possible to the Locust Control Organisation for Eastern Africa.

The organisation wants the money to boost spraying operations. Its needs include 110 new vehicles for insecticide spraying and 60 ground-to-air radios.

"Transport of staff and equipment to catch up with the swarms over difficult hilly terrain is the most formidable task for locust teams," the latest FAO report said.

"Most of the existing vehicles are old and prone to break down and military assistance might be necessary."

The FAO report said control of the swarms should receive the paramount attention of all concerned. Locusts can increase 100-fold in a month, destroying all vegetation in their path.

Efforts to control the locusts in the Horn have been seriously hampered by recent fighting between Ethiopian and Somali forces in the Ogaden Desert and by insurgency in Eritrea.

Government anti-drought scheme in Brazil doing more harm than good, argues new book

By Gavin Shreeve
RIO DE JANEIRO, (F.T.) — Government anti-drought plans for north-eastern Brazil have forced thousands of peasants into work gangs and into the cities to beg for food, according to a book soon to be published. The author, Dr. Anthony Hall, also blames the World Bank for pouring millions of dollars into the irrigation schemes with scant regard for the suffering of the local population.

Dr. Hall commented: "This has got to be rammed home with force. The World Bank seems to have gone deaf and blind."

The book has a value beyond its immediate concern with a poor area of Brazil. It shows how development schemes intended to

benefit the very poor are created off by the richer farmers and leave the peasants in a worse plight.

Instead of creating the expected 365,000 jobs the planned irrigation schemes have displaced more people than they have absorbed. Wages remain chronically low, the marketing system is in a shambles and most government forecasts were hopelessly inadequate.

The book, *Drought and Irrigation in North East Brazil* (to be published by Cambridge University Press), says that civil engineers were more concerned with volume of water stored and green pastures and the planners ignored the basic tenet of anti-drought strategy—reaching the

most vulnerable people.

Farmers evicted
Most of the dams were built in fertile valleys where farmers were reasonably protected from any drought. But they were forced off their land to make way for the irrigation projects. There has been no complete survey of their fate.

Dr. Hall says the "arbitrary and rushed expropriation" of the land was disastrous and led to some heated and often violent scenes. He quotes one government direc-

tor as saying to him: "We sinned a little."

Dr. Hall studied three projects. At Morada Nova 18,000 people were displaced to make way for an eventual 3,000. At Sume 76 families were moved off to make way for 26.

Only five per cent of dislocated farmers were taken back. Some had become "ineligible" while others lost interest and were hostile to the scheme. A survey of 348 families at Morada Nova revealed

that only 89 had made any advance plans for leaving the area.

The second objective of the irrigation scheme, to increase rural incomes, also failed. Generally, revenue from crops sales does not cover costs of production so that most farmers operate in the red. Only about five per cent earn incomes that reach optimistic government forecasts.

The land along the river schemes varies greatly in quality but the government ignored independent studies recommending collectives that would have shared out the best areas. Dr. Hall said: "I can only surmise that the failure to follow the guidelines resulted from preconceived ideas about the

farmers' ability to work together under a collective system. There were also fears that such a system would create certain political difficulties."

Another government failure has been its inability to set up a viable and coordinated marketing system. Nor do farmers have the facilities for processing their crops.

The plan Dr. Hall says, was to strengthen the resistance of the rural economy to recurrent drought by creating permanent jobs and increasing rural incomes—but it seems to be doing more harm than good.

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JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henry Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TILMI
DUGAY
SELING
YOBLUD

Now arrange the picked letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WHAT THE DISGRUNTLED ZOO KEEPER SAID HIS WORK WAS.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AGENT SNACK DISCUS BARIUM
Answer: What Cleopatra got from Caesar — "A SCARE"

THE Daily Crossword by Herb L. Risteen

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1 Not up to standard
4 Schisms
9 Hair style
13 Anita
15 Make fancy
16 Cut of meat
17 Gold paint
18 Retard
19 Israeli
20 Like mud deposits
22 Ravine
23 Pindaris
24 Portuguese port
27 Accompany
29 Whip mark
30 Sensational success

DOWN
2 Korb
3 Go on a hunt
4 Vegetable
5 Concept
6 Second tries of a kind
7 — la-la
8 Curve of a plank
9 Alaskan native
10 Child's game

33 French feast
34 Cross and gruff
35 Power letters
36 Scrooge-like sounds
37 Dark brown
38 Engage in gossip
39 Cordoba cheer
40 Works hard
41 Council of
42 Stadium sound
43 Old Norse poem
44 Car holders
45 Menu item

47 William Benet
48 Cornflower
50 Lined dressing
54 Benevolent elderly woman
55 Easily obtained
57 Entertainer Adams
58 Take on cargo
59 Ex — (one-sided)
60 Cross out
61 Rumble
62 Church sections
63 River or Sea

11 Iranian money
12 No more than
14 Pores over
21 Ex-fighters
22 Jane or Zane
25 Trojan prince
26 Earthen container
27 Cinema beauty
28 Florida town
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